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COCHIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Friday, *the* *20th of December 1929.* / *5th of Dhanu 1105.*

The House met at half past Eleven of the Clock with the President in the Chair. All members were present.

Questions and Answers.

Kallur-Amballur Road.

121. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state what arrangements have been made to set right the Kallur-Amballur road which is in a very unsatisfactory condition at present?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—The Superintendent of Agriculture and Panchayats is enquiring into the matter.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—The question is 'what arrangements have been made to set right the Kallur-Amballur road which is in a very unsatisfactory condition at present'. The answer is, the Superintendent of Agriculture and Panchayats is enquiring into the matter. Inquiring about what?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—The road has been investigated and estimate has been prepared to put the road in order.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Did the Superintendent receive petitions regarding this?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—Yes.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Did he ever visit the road?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—I said the road has been investigated.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Did the Superintendent visit the locality at any time?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—Not myself.

Certain appointments in the Education Department.

122. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

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(1) when were Messrs. P. Sankaran Nambiyar, P. Kallukaran and T. C. Sankara Menon referred to in question 67 of the Legislative Session of 1104 confirmed in the grade of Rs. 150—200 and when were Nos. 1 to 8 above them in *the Civil List* of Chingam 1102 confirmed;

(2) (a) is not confirmation the test of seniority according to *C. S. R.*;

(b) was not this test accepted by the Government when Prince Kerala Varmha Tampuran who was first put below Mr. N. R. Krishna Ayyar was afterwards promoted over him;

(c) was not this test followed when, on the retirement of Mr. V. K. Achyuta Menon, Mr. Nambiyar, though senior to Mr. Doraswami Ayyar in the altered *Civil List*, was superseded by Mr. Doraswami Ayyar;

(3) when was the mistake referred to in the supplemantary answers to question No. 67 of the Legislative Session of 1104 found out and in how many *Civil Lists* was this mistake committed;

(4) (a) did not Mr. G. R. Narayana Ayyar complain against the alteration in *the Civil List* and what was the reply given to him;

(b) was the reply given effect to later when Mr. Narayana Ayyar presented his case on his being appointed Professor?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—(1) Mr. P. Sankaran Nambiyar was confirmed on 3rd Mithunam 1101 and Messrs. P. Kallukaran and T. C. Sankara Menon 9th Mithunam 1101. The dates of confirmation of the other 8 officers are noted below:—

	Messrs.			
1	T. K. Sankara Menon	24	10	1096
2	K. A. Doraswami Ayyar	4	10	1097
3	L. S. Subbaraya Ayyar	22	8	1098
4	G. R. Narayana Ayyar	31	10	1098
5	K. A. Ayyadurai Ayyar	19	4	1099
6	Kerala Varmha Tampuran	9	11	1100
7	K. Raghupathy Ayyar	18	9	1101
8	C. N. Ramaswamy Ayyar	13	10	1101

(2) (a) Yes; one of the tests according to *the Standing Orders*.

(b) Yes.

(c) Mr. Nambiyar has not been superseded by Mr. Doraswami Ayyar and the former remains senior.

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(3) It was not exactly a mistake in any of the offices as was suspected while furnishing additional information with reference to the supplementary questions from the Member at the Vrischigam meeting. The three officers having been appointed on the maximum of the grade on special grounds and thereby having preferential claims for purposes of promotion to the next higher grade, it was considered desirable to put their names at the top as a guide in regulating future promotions. Under ordinary circumstances and subject to good work promotions are generally given in the order of the names in the *Civil List*, but special cases are considered on their merits. There has thus been no impropriety in revising the order in the *Civil List*.

(4) (a) Yes. The reply given was that his protest will be placed on record so that he may not be estopped from putting forward his claims for promotion, when vacancies arise.

(b) Mr. Narayana Ayyar was promoted to the grade of Rs. 200—250 on his appointment as Professor.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—May I know whether it is laid down that higher pay is the basis of seniority for promotion?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—It is accepted as one of the principles.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—In the same grade?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—Yes. In the same grade there are several scales of pay, and so it so happens that all officers may be in the same grade but drawing different pay.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Is not seniority determined by the date of confirmation according to *the C. S. R.*?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—But it may so happen that an officer who was confirmed in the grade later may be drawing a scale of higher pay in the same grade. There are five scales of pay in one grade.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—There are special grounds referred to in answer to sub-division (3).

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—The fact of the matter was that, when these three officers were appointed, they were new recruits and they were appointed on the maximum pay of the grade. That was Rs. 200. Whereas the senior men were on Rs. 150 and different scales of pay up to Rs. 200. The fact that they were appointed straightaway on Rs. 200 gave them ground of seniority.

Taungya System.

123. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) the total extent of the area planted till date with teak

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